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ORGANIZATIONAL  
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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW OF DECEMBER 5, 2006

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Sir:

Applicant respectfully submits the following Statement of Substance of Interview.

On December 5, 2006, Applicant's representatives conducted a telephonic interview with the Examiner. Applicant sincerely appreciates the Examiner taking the time to discuss the case. In the interview the claims (including claims 1, 25-27, 30, 31, 40, 53, 65, 71, and 144) were discussed. The cited references (e.g., Guinta U.S. Patent No. 5,737,494, Guinta U.S. Patent No. 6,161,101, Barton, Mann) were also discussed.

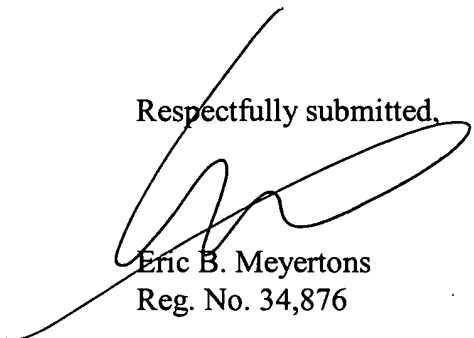
With respect to the rejections of claims 65 and 113 and the claims dependent thereon, Applicant submitted that Guinta U.S. Patent No. 6,161,101 was not prior art under 102(a),

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102(b), or 102(e). The features of other pending claims were discussed. Applicant's undersigned attorney pointed out combinations of features in the claims that are not present in the cited art. The Examiner indicated that he would consider Applicant's arguments in conjunction with the Examiner's review of Applicant's response to the last office action (which office action was mailed July 28, 2006).

If any extension of time is required, Applicant hereby requests the appropriate extension of time. If any fees are inadvertently omitted or if any additional fees are required or have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account Number 50-1505/5078-02500/EBM.

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